

## 21st November 2023

Last week was very busy in school which started with odd socks and a special ant-bullying assembly. On Thursday our Film Club members and Young Carers went to a special screening at Cineworld in Ilford as part of 'IntoFilm Week'. Pudsey Bear visited on Friday for a fun-filled Children in Need Daywe are still counting up the donations. Many thanks to Ifra, Rhea, Kelvin and Nirvan for their great organisational skills.

Our Christmas hamper fundraising is underway, we are hoping to raise money for some more playground toys and games for children to use at lunchtimes.

Last week we also had a visit from our external School Improvement Partner who focussed on writing. She was impressed with the children's writing skills and their commitment to improving.

This week we have a performance by the Redbridge wind quartet and we're starting to plan for next year's residential- we will be inviting Year 5 parents into school before Christmas to find out more about residential next year.

Our commitment to the wellbeing and success of your children continues-I am very pleased to let you know that we have appointed not one learning mentor but two, who will be taking over from Miss Cornwell in January.

Reminder- please call the school (you can leave a message on the answerphone) if your child is unwell and not coming to school. If we do not get a message or contact from you about the absence your child will be given an unauthorised absence which may lead to a penalty notice.

## Dates for your diary:

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November- INSET- School closed to children

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December- meeting for Year 5 parents to find out about the residential 3.15

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December- Second date for flu vaccinations

Monday 11th December-Tours for prospective Reception families 9.30 and 2pm

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December-School Christmas Dinner, Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December- Year 2 Christmas performance (young children welcome) 2pm

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December- Year 2 Nativity (no young children) 9.15 doors open

Tuesday 19th December- Performing Arts Group presentation 2.20pm

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December- Staff Panto

Wednesday 21st December- School Closes 2pm

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January-School re-opens

Monday 8th January-Year 4 start swimming